

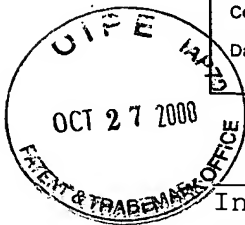
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hägg et al.

Application No.: 10/589,642

Group Art Unit: 1791

Filed: September 8, 2006

Examiner: Not Yet
Assigned

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS AT A TWIN-
WIRE PRESS AND ALSO A TWIN-WIRE
PRESS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Official Action dated September 23, 2008, in which claims 1-17 were held to be subject to a restriction and/or election requirement.

REMARKS

In the official action dated September 23, 2008, claims 1-17 were held to be subject to a restriction and/or election requirement. In particular, the Examiner contends that this application includes three inventions, as follows:

Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to a method for machining the surface of roll;

Group II, claims 9-16, drawn to an apparatus for machining the surface of a roll; and

Group III, claim 17, drawn to a twin-wire press.

The Examiner contends that the inventions of Groups I

and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept because they lack the corresponding special technical features, and that claim 17 is either obvious over or anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,197,160. Thus, the special feature linking the inventions is not deemed to be a contribution in the art.

In response, applicants provisionally elect the invention of Group I, namely method claims 1-8 herein. Applicants, however, also traverse this requirement. It is noted in this regard that a comparison of claims 1 and 9 indicates that both are directed to a method and apparatus which employ a support for arrangement between the roll and a wire, and a movable machining tool for machining a coating on the surface of the roll, as well as means for removing the cut material from the coating during machining. At the very least, it is submitted that a single search will clearly suffice for the invention of claims 1 and 9, and for that reason alone, in order to simplify and expedite prosecution of this application consideration of all of the claims or at least the claims of Groups I and II are respectfully requested.

In any event, however, it is also clear that, since applicants have made the required provisional election, this application is now in condition for initiation of prosecution on the merits, and such action is therefore respectfully solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicants' attorney at (908) 654-5000 to overcome any further objections thereto.

Finally, in the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

Dated: October 23, 2008

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